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TAGS: PDEV RH ZA

SUBJECT: CURFEW DECLARED IN LUSAKA

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1. ZAMBIA RADIO THIS AFTERNOON ANNOUNCED IMPOSITION
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF A CURFEW FROM 8 PM TO 5 AM FOR
THE NEXT FOUR DAYS UNTIL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6. PERSONS
NEEDING TO ACCOMPLISH ESSENTIAL SERVICES ARE REQUIRED
TO CARRY IDENTIFICATION. LIGHTS ARE TO BE EXTINGUISHED
DURING THE CURFEW. END UNCLASSIFIED

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2. LIGHTS WENT OUT IN THE CITY LAST NIGHT AT ABOUT
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7 PM. IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR, THE FOREIGN
MINISTER INDICATED THAT THIS WAS RELATED TO THE CURFEW.
(SEPT) ONE STORY AROUND TOWN IS THAT THERE WAS A SUSPICION
OF RHODESIAN RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT OVERHEAD. THE LIGHTS
WERE TURNED BACK ON ABOUT TEN MINUTES LATER.

3. COMMENT: THE FOREIGN MINISTER CONNECTED

THE CURFEW WITH THE THREAT FROM RHODESIA. HE COMPLAINED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME ZAMBIA HAD BEEN ATTACKED FROM THE AIR AT FIERA A FEW DAYS AGO, NAPALM HAD BEEN USED WITH THREE PEOPLE INJURED AND THREE KILLED. THE FEIRA ATTACK BORE OUT PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S WARNING ON SUNDAY AUGUST 28 THAT RHODESIAN AIR ATTACKS COULD BE EXPECTED. WHILE HE MAY HAVE INFORMATION OF HIS OWN WHICH MAY HAVE CONSIDERABLE CREDIBILITY, IT SEEMS FAR FETCHED TO SAY THE LEAST THAT THE RHODESIANS WOULD MOUNT AN AIR ATTACK ON LUSAKA. THE FOREIGN MINISTER MENTIONED ZAMBIA'S WILLINGNESS TO TURN TO EXTERNAL SOURCES FOR SUPPORT. HE SAID THE SITUATION WAS DETERIORATING AND ZAMBIA WAS BEING FORCED TO THE WALL. IT WAS, HE SAID, READY TO RETALIATE. IN OUR VIEW, THE IMPOSITION OF CURFEW MAY NOT BE UNRELATED TO THE VISIT BEGINNING TOMORROW OF NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO. A STATE DINNER HAS BEEN SCHEDULED IN HIS HONOR FOR SUNDAY NIGHT. WE UNDERSTAND IT WILL BE CANCELLED AND RESCHEDULED AS A LUNCHEON IN THE COPPERBELT. DRAMATIZATION OF THE SITUATION COULD BE INTENDED TO IMPRESS OBASANJO WITH ITS SERIOUSNESS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MILITARY HELP FROM HIM.

4. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO LIMIT ANY NIACT IMMEDIATE TELEGRAMS DURING THE NEXT FOUR DAYS TO MESSAGES WHICH ARE ABSOLUTELY REPEAT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.
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